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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF VOLKSKAMMER

SESSION: STANDARD FARE

1. THE GDR VOLKSKAMMER MET DECEMBER 21 TO  
APPROVE THE 1978 ECONOMIC PLAN. REPORTING ON  
THE ECONOMIC CONTENT OF THE SESSION CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

2. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN STOPH DELIVERED  
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THE MAJOR ADDRESS OF THE SESSION IN WHICH HE DEALT  
PRIMARILY WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS AND ONLY PERIPHERALLY  
WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE MENTIONED THE RECENT  
HONECKER-STOPH FAR EAST TRIP, LEAVING LISTENERS WITH THE  
IMPRESSION THAT GDR-SRV RELATIONS ARE WARMER THAN  
GDR-KDPR RELATIONS. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, STOPH  
AVOIDED SPECIFIC MENTION OF CURRENT

DEVELOPMENTS, NOTING THAT THE GDR IS ON THE SIDE OF THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLES "AGAINST IMPERIALISM, FOR FREEDOM AND PROGRESS." ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND GDR, STOPH ACCUSED BONN OF SEEKING TO "DIFFERENTIATE" BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES, ADDING THAT UNTIL NOW SUCH EFFORTS HAVE ALWAYS ENDED IN A "FIASCO." WHILE HE ALSO ACCUSED THE FRG OF "OPEN INTERFERENCE" IN THE GDR'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AS WELL AS EMPLOYING "METHODS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" AGAINST IT, STOPH WOUND UP HIS TREATMENT OF FRG-GDR RELATIONS ON AN UPBEAT NOTE, STATING THE GDR'S READINESS TO "GIVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE" TO ALL SERIOUSLY INTENDED INITIATIVES FROM BONN FOR BETTER RELATIONS.

3. THE VOLKSKAMMER SESSION ALSO RATIFIED RECENTLY CONCLUDED FRIENDSHIP TREATIES WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA AND VIETNAM AND CONSULAR TREATIES WITH SOUTH YEMEN AND MEXICO. IN PLACING ITS LEGISLATIVE STAMP OF APPROVAL ON THE RECENT CELEBRATIONS OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, THE VOLKSKAMMER DECLARED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE CALL FOR PEACE BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE, PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES.  
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4. COMMENT. THE TONE OF THE STATEMENTS ON FRG-GDR RELATIONS DOES NOT BREAK ANY NEW GROUND AND MOST OF THE PHRASES EMPLOYED ARE FAIRLY STANDARD FOR COMMENTARIES ON BONN'S PRACTICE OF OSTPOLITIK.  
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